

ENGAGE WEEK

Engage Defined:

[verb] Occupy, attract, or involve (someone's interest or attention). Cause someone to become involved in (a conversation or discussion).

THE GOAL OF ENGAGE WEEK:

The fourth meeting of the H.O.P.E. Strategy is to engage students at school with the life changing message of the gospel. Gospel means "good news". The good news is that God loves us and sent His son to die for our sins. We can be restored to a relationship with Him through forgiveness that is offered through Jesus Christ. This is the opportunity as Christian students to bring non-Christian friends to a non-threatening environment. At this club meeting, they will hear a clear presentation of the gospel and have an opportunity to respond in faith. Engage week NEVER changes. Always share the gospel! Even if you think everyone there is a Christian, make a clear presentation of the gospel. No exceptions. Even if a student stands and reads the gospel presentation from a sheet of paper, it is the most powerful message in the world. It is the HOPE of Christ to a world that is hopeless.

Do not open in prayer. Do not plan for worship. Just play popular music, eat, play a game and hang out until time for the gospel presentation. Why? Because you do not want to do anything that would cause a non-believer to disconnect because they feel left out, uninformed or different. If this seems unusual to you, remember that this meeting is for those who have not yet placed their faith in Jesus Christ. The mixer type atmosphere disarms people and establishes a casual atmosphere, which makes relationships and communication more effective.

Promote the ENGAGE meeting based on relationships. If every participating student is committed to bringing one friend to this club meeting, there will be plenty of students to share the gospel with. Leave time for everyone to fill out a response card at the end of the club meeting! This helps the guests to not feel singled out and helps you keep track of who attended that day.

Closing

The student who dismisses the club in prayer should thank God for those who just committed their lives to Jesus Christ. The prayer could be something as simple as "God, thank you for those who have just invited you into their lives and have become part of your family. We know that all of heaven is celebrating because of their salvation." Applaud as soon as the prayer ends, celebrating what God has done. This sends a message to those who have just committed their lives to Jesus Christ that what they have done is very important. The students who prayed to commit their lives to Christ may be contemplating whether to fill out the response card and turn it in. The prayer and applause will affirm the value of their decision and encourage them. If heaven gets excited about people coming to know Jesus, then we should too!..